



GOOD FRIDAY

March 25, 2016



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

Preparation for Worship

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Let us prepare to worship God by reflecting on three reasons why we call this Friday "Good":

- Our sin must be extremely horrible.
Nothing reveals the gravity of sin like the cross...
If there was no way by which the righteous God could justly forgive our sin, except that He should bear it Himself in Christ, it must be serious indeed...
- God's love must be wonderful beyond comprehension...
He pursued us even to the desolate anguish of the cross, where He bore our sin, guilt, judgment and death.
Oh the wonder of this... to know that God loves you!
- Christ's salvation must be a free gift to receive, not something we earn.
He purchased it for us at the high price of His own life blood.
So what is there left for us to pay? Absolutely nothing!
May we never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Adapted from John Stott, The Cross of Christ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Ah, Dearest Jesus" arr. Raymond Haan

Iren Zombor, cello; Clay Hancock, violin; Samuel Metzger, organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Richard G. Cain

**Holy and loving God,
as we prepare to set aside our busyness
and to focus intently on Jesus' suffering and death,
we ask for eyes to see
all of the amazing things that Jesus' death means
for understanding You, Your love, and our salvation.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

CHORAL INTROIT: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"arr. Al Travis

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand;
The showdow of a might rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me.
And from my smitten heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonder of His glorious love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Isaiah 53:3-4

Surely he has borne our griefs
and carried our sorrows;
yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.

**But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;
upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

✦HYMN: No. 248

“Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended”HERZLIEBSTER JESU

✦CORPORATE PRAYER OF ADORATION

**Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God,
who loves us and gave Yourself for us;
we love You and adore You and worship You,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

The Crucifixion

*John 19:16b-27
Amanda Coop, reader*

So they took Jesus, and he went out, bearing his own cross, to the place called The Place of a Skull, which in Aramaic is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, and Jesus between them. Pilate also wrote an inscription and put it on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.”

Many of the Jews read this inscription, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city, and it was written in Aramaic, in Latin, and in Greek. So the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, “Do not write, ‘The King of the Jews,’ but rather, ‘This man said, I am King of the Jews.’” Pilate answered, “What I have written I have written.”

When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his garments and divided them into four parts, one part for each soldier; also his tunic. But the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from top to bottom, so they said to one another, “Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see whose it shall be.” This was to fulfill the Scripture which says, “They divided my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.” So the soldiers did these things, but standing by the cross of Jesus were his mother and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing nearby, he said to his mother, “Woman, behold, your son!” Then he said to the disciple, “Behold, your mother!” And from that hour the disciple took her to his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
who was forsaken of God on our behalf,
have mercy on us,
and give us Your peace. Amen.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Forsaken" Dan Forrest

"How long, O God, will You neglect My prayer?
Will You forget these tears of dark despair?
Yet not My will, but Yours alone be done:
Forsake not man, but Me —Your sinless Son.
I, Christ the Son, obey Your great command,
Enduring punishment for sinful man.
As Son and silent Lamb, I choose this path:
Accept rejection to appease Your wrath."

"O why, My God, have You forsaken Me?
Why have You now refused My final plea?
Though I cry out in sorrow, pain, and fear,
You turn Your back in silence disappear.
I, Christ the Son, bear all their sin alone,
Embracing judgment from Your glorious throne.
As Son and spotless Lamb, I shed My blood
To bring them boldly to Your face, My God."

The Death of Jesus

*John 19:28-30
Shelley Hill, reader*

After this, Jesus, knowing that all was now finished, said (to fulfill the Scripture), "I thirst." A jar full of sour wine stood there, so they put a sponge full of the sour wine on a hyssop branch and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the sour wine, he said, "It is finished," and he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

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Praise be to Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Were You There?" Ralph Manuel

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?
Were you there when God wept at Mary's cry?

Jesus' Side Is Pierced

John 19:31-37
Grace Knight, reader

Since it was the day of Preparation, and so that the bodies would not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him. But when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.

He who saw it has borne witness—his testimony is true, and he knows that he is telling the truth—that you also may believe. For these things took place that the Scripture might be fulfilled: "Not one of his bones will be broken." And again another Scripture says, "They will look on him whom they have pierced."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ,
who endured the scorn and mocking of a rebellious world
in order to redeem us from the slavery of sin,
we confess our many transgressions against Your holy will
which brought upon You the miseries of the cross.
We give You thanks for bearing our sins in Your body on the tree,
so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
For by Your wounds we are healed.
We make our prayer in Your matchless name, Amen.**

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S SUFFERING:

No. 247 "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" PASSION CHORALE

Jesus Is Buried

John 19:38-42
Blanche Tosh, reader

After these things Joseph of Arimathea, who was a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus, and Pilate gave him permission. So he came and took away his body.

Nicodemus also, who earlier had come to Jesus by night, came bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about seventy-five pounds in weight. So they took the body of Jesus and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as is the burial custom of the Jews.

Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden, and in the garden a new tomb in which no one had yet been laid. So because of the Jewish day of Preparation, since the tomb was close at hand, they laid Jesus there.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Thanks be to Christ.

SILENT MEDITATION

CHORAL MEDITATION: "O Mortal Man"arr. John Scott

O mortal man, remember well, when Christ our Lord was born,
He was crucified between two thieves, and crowned with the thorn.

O mortal man, remember well, when Christ died on the rood,
'Twas for our sins and wicked ways Christ shed His precious blood.

O mortal man, remember well, when Christ was wrapped in clay,
He was taken to a sepulchre where no man ever lay.

HOMILY *Jesus: Crucified, Dead, and Buried* D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF THE CROSS:
No. 252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"HAMBURG

✦BENEDICTION
We depart in silence, awaiting the resurrection.

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Paraments: During Holy Week, the pulpit fall is a deep red, silk damask signifying the blood of Christ upon which is embroidered a black Latin Cross stitched in black silk edged in gold, bearing a crown of green thorns signifying life and that "though He die, yet shall He live." The Bible markers display the same green crown of thorns.

We invite you to worship with us on Easter Sunday.
Our Sunrise Service will meet at 6:30 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden, and we will meet for worship on campus at 8:00, 9:30, and 11:00 a.m.
Nursery will be available for all services, excluding the Sunrise Service.

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To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 312-9890 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.



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OUR MISSION:

To glorify God through joyful worship, to show God's love to all people, to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ, to make them His disciples, and to call them to His service.

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